

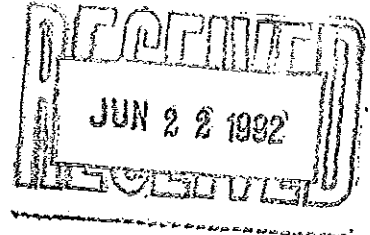
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ASSESSMENT)
OF PENALTY AGAINST)
Treoil Industries, LTD

APPLICATION FOR RELIEF
FROM PENALTY
No. DE 91WQ-N259

To: Washington Pollution Control Hearing Board
Post Box 40903, Olympia, WA 98504-0903

JUNE 15, 1992



Treoil Industries Ltd. has received " Notice of Disposition Upon Application for Relief from Penalty" NO: DE 91 WQ N259.

We would like to appeal the decision of the Dept of Ecology for the amount of the penalty of \$1000.00 as stated below:

1. Tall Oil is a non-hazardous organic oil produced during pulping of pine trees. Please refer to attached sheet for RCRA, OSHA and DOT regulation for this product.
 2. The oil leakage into the ditch was due to human error and we will ensure that such incidents are avoided at all costs.
 3. The oil leak was noticed on Oct. 15, 1991 and we immediately responded by blocking the ditch with bales of straw to contain oil flow. Next day we had six people cleaning the ditch. Then on the advice of your inspector, we hired the vacuum truck to vacuum clean the entire length of ditch of any oil sheen or residual oil blurb in the grass. This whole operation costed us over \$ 4,000.00 We are law abiding corporate citizen and would do our best to keep our environment clean.
 4. ARCO security, our neighbour, discussed the situation with us and informed us that they had already called the WHATCOM COUNTY SHERIFF's dept. We got busy rightaways in containing the oil from going any further. We are a small company with limited manpower. We contacted the sheriff's dept and your dept first thing next day. Mr. Neil Clements of sheriff's dept visited us on Oct 16th and was satisfied with our quick response to the situation.
 5. This oil is completely bio-degradable and does not harm vegetation or fish.
 6. The oil was contained in the ditch along Aldergrove road and was far away from waters of Strait of Georgia.
 7. Presently, our company is going through a real financial hardship and we strongly feel this penalty is too stiff for the mistake. We have already been penalised by way of clean-up costs. We, therefore, request you for remission of this penalty of \$ 1,000.00
- We shall highly appreciate your consideration and help in this matter.

FOR: Treoil Industries Ltd.

MANAGER



R. Newman

STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY

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June 10, 1992

Mr. Satpal S. Sidhu
Treoil Industries, Ltd.
Cherry Point Industrial Park
P.O. Box 2399
Ferndale, WA 98248

Dear Mr. Sidhu:

RE: Penalty No. DE91-WQ-N259

Upon review of our files, we have found no record of payment for Penalty No. DE91-WQ-N259, which was issued on January 7, 1992, in the amount of \$1,000. This penalty became due on May 29, 1992.

Please send your payment and a copy of this letter promptly to: Department of Ecology, Cashiering Unit, PO Box 5128, Olympia, WA 98503-0210. A self-addressed envelope is enclosed. In the event that this notice has been misplaced or overlooked, I am enclosing a copy of the original for your convenience.

If the penalty has been appealed, send a copy of this action to: Department of Ecology, Enforcement Unit, PO Box 47704, Olympia, WA 98504-7704 and please disregard this notice.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss any matters relating to this penalty, please contact the following individuals:

Marian Kekahuna, (206) 459-6854, matters relating to an appeal or issues concerning penalty.

Mark Bibeau, (206) 459-6035, matters relating to the payment of the penalty.

Sincerely,

Mark Bibeau

Mark Bibeau, Unit Supervisor
General Accounts Receivables

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Enclosures

cc: Enforcement Unit